REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present divisional application, of which claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Claims 1-9 have been amended. Support for the amendment is found in the specification on page 3, lines 3-7.

In the only rejection pending in this application, claims 1.9 were provisionally rejected over claims 1.10 of Application No. 10/811,008 ('008 application). To date, the '008 application has not been issued as a patent (or even examined), and thus the rejection still is provisional. "If the 'provisional' double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining in that application, the examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent." M.P.E.P. § 804(I)(B)(¶2).

If the Examiner has any concerns regarding the application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone to discuss the issues.

Respectfully submitted.

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